

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	21898	Agenda Number	28.
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Meeting Date:	February 14, 2013
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Department:	Purchasing
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Subject

Authorize award, negotiation, and execution of a 24-month requirements service contract with PRIME CONTROLS, or the other qualified offeror to RFP No. OPJ0102, to provide upgrades and maintenance for the existing controls automation systems to four Austin Energy District Cooling Plants in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$550,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$2,200,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$295,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budget of Austin Energy and funding in the amount of \$25,833 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of Austin Energy. Funding for the remaining 17 months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Best evaluated proposal received.
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Oralia Jones, Senior Buyer /322-6594
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Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Electric Utility Commission on January 28, 2013.
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Related Items:	
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MBE / WBE:	This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.
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Additional Backup Information

This contract will provide any required upgrades and maintenance for the existing controls automation systems at Austin Energy's four District Cooling Plants: the Domain, Mueller Energy Center, and two Downtown District Cooling Plants (the Paul Robbins plant and DCP2). Each of these plants produces and distributes chilled water to meet the cooling needs of approximately 60 customers. Each plant requires sophisticated control systems with equipment, hardware, and software to operate the plants. Operators use the control system to monitor conditions within the plants as well as the load conditions at customer sites. The amount of chilled water distributed to customers varies based on these inputs. The controls are programmed to respond automatically to the changing load conditions. Automation of control systems allows for efficient and safe operation of plant systems.

The contractor will provide Control System Integration services to develop, install, test, start-up, maintain, repair, troubleshoot, improve, calibrate, train City personnel, and document control systems for the four plants. This contractor will also be required to recommend strategies for future direction of the control systems and assist, when requested, in implementing such strategies. Demand continues to grow and to meet this growth, AE plans to expand and improve the control systems to meet capacity, reliability and efficiency targets.

An AE evaluation team with expertise in this area evaluated the proposals and unanimously chose this proposal as the best to provide these services. Evaluation criteria used to evaluate the proposals included cost, an understanding of the system concept and solutions proposed, demonstrated applicable experience, personnel qualifications, and references.

This request allows for the development of an agreement with a qualified offeror that Council selects. If the City is unsuccessful negotiating a satisfactory agreement with the selected offeror, negotiations will cease with that provider. Staff will return to Council so that Council may select another qualified offeror and authorize contract negotiations with this provider.

MBE/WBE solicited: 3/1

MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. One hundred, five notices were sent including three MBEs and one WBE. Two proposals were received, with no response from the MBE/WBEs.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Best evaluated proposal.
- b. The Purchasing Office concurs with AE's recommended award.
- c. Advertised on the Internet.